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ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SULLIVANT MOSS CHAPTER.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

It is with pleasure that I record the completion of one year of service to the Sullivant Moss Chapter. My duties have doubtless not been any more varied than were those of my predecessors, and I am persuaded that my somewhat critical attitude in regard to mosses sent me for determination has latterly rendered those duties somewhat less arduous than before. This I trust will be appreciated by all the members as a step in the line of progress.

I was about to say this and several other things, and bow myself off the pedestal of presidential honor and activity, when our charming secretary announced officially my re-appointment. My previous protests to those in whose hands I was had not availed. It is too late now, and the only way left open to me is to cheerfully and joyously be at the service of the members for another year. I stand ready to serve the Chapter faithfully according to my ability and time.

JOHN M. HOLZINGER.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The membership of the Sullivant Moss Chapter has been strengthened during the year 1903 by the addition to its ranks of eighteen new members; fifteen have withdrawn, and one member, Miss Edith Barnes, of Northboro, Mass., has died. One hundred and twenty names are now enrolled.

The fact that almost constant requisition has been made upon the services of our expert bryologists in the determination of difficult questions, and that they have generously responded to demands upon their time and skill, is proof of a commendable degree of interest in the work of the Chapter. Interest has been further indicated by the number and value of the specimens which have been collected in widely separated stations and offered for distribution, and also in the readiness of members in applying for them. Ninety-seven species of mosses, lichens and hepatics have been distributed during the year. The moss herbarium contains about three hundred and forty-five species and varieties, representing one hundred and three genera; more than seventy new species have been added this year.

While the Chapter is under obligations to many others for contribution of specimens, it is especially indebted to Mr. A. J. Hill, of New Westminster, B. C., for rare and beautiful ones contributed to the several herbaria and for general distribution. The secretary, in retiring from her office, acknowledges with much appreciation, the helpful services of those to whom she has looked for assistance, and she will continue to hold in remembrance the pleasant friendly relations which have grown up between her and the many members with whom she has been in correspondence during the past two years.

HARRIET WHEELER,

Secretary.

REPORT OF JUDGE OF ELECTIONS.

MISS HARRIET WHEELER,

December 1st, 1903.

Secretary Sullivan Moss Chapter.

The following report of the election of officers of the Chapter for the year 1904 is respectfully submitted:

Whole number of votes cast.....	14.
For President.—Prof. J. M. Holzinger.....	14.
For Vice-Pres.—Mrs. C. W. Harris.....	14.
For Secretary.—Miss Miller.....	13.
“ “ Miss Wheeler.....	1.
For Treasurer.—Mrs. Smith.....	13
“ “ Miss Wheeler.....	1.

Prof. Holzinger, Mrs. Harris, Miss Miller and Mrs. Smith are elected.

EDITH A. WARNER,

Judge of Elections.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The following statement for the year beginning December 1, 1902, and ending December 1, 1903, is respectfully submitted:

RECEIPTS.

By cash in hand December 1, 1902.....	\$ 13.55
By dues from members.....	125 45
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	\$139.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

To BRYOLOGIST.....	\$101.70
To postage.....	7.80
To express.....	1.15
To Herbarium supplies.....	.88
To stationery.....	1.90
To printing annual report for 1901.....	5.00
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	\$123.43
Cash in hand December 1, 1903.....	15.57

\$139.00

HARRIET WHEELER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE LICHEN DEPARTMENT.

It is with pleasure that I can report continued interest in the work on the Lichens.

A year ago the Herbarium contained one hundred and seventy specimens, representing twenty-seven genera and ninety-five species and varieties. At the present time there are two hundred and sixty specimens, representing thirty genera and one hundred and ten species and varieties.

Judging from the many specimens sent me for determination and the

letters received asking for assistance the interest is certainly increasing in the study of the Lichens.

Several members have offered Lichens for distribution, and it is hoped that many more will do so during the coming year.

Additions have been made to the Herbarium of a number of interesting specimens from British Columbia, and a set of sixty correctly determined specimens of the genus *Cladonia*, as well as many others.

As suggested in the article on *Peltigera*, if those interested in the Lichens will systematically study specimens of one particular genus over a period of several months, recording their observations, it will not only be of great assistance to themselves but will be useful to others. I shall be glad to hear from any one regarding his studies. Several have already sent interesting notes which will in time be compiled and published in *THE BRYOLOGIST* for the benefit of the lichen students.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYN W. HARRIS.

REPORT OF THE HEPATIC DEPARTMENT.

During the past year, through the efforts of various members of the Chapter, a goodly number of specimens have been added to the herbarium. It now contains, in round numbers, 300 specimens, representing about 250 species. A large part of these are from foreign sources, and much of the material has been examined by the best hepaticologists of the day.

It is earnestly hoped that during the coming year, it can be brought up to at least 500 specimens, and to this end the cordial coöperation of all members is urged. It is also suggested that some plan be arranged by which the Chapter herbarium may be made directly available to the members.

During the past year the writer has, of necessity, been slow in answering inquiries concerning hepatics, but hopes to be able to make prompt replies in this matter hereafter.

Let every member make an effort to collect *some* hepatics for the Chapter herbarium; and, if possible, for the distribution. Even common species are desired.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. BARBOUR.

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